

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A cold cathode forming process comprising a step for providing a target material and a substrate in a reaction chamber, a step for controlling the pressure (P) of an ambient gas introduced into the reaction chamber and the distance (D) between the substrate and the target material so that the size of a high temperature high pressure area formed near the target material by irradiating a beam light onto the target material is optimal, and a step for exciting and ejecting the material contained in the target material by irradiating the beam light onto the target material with introducing the ambient gas into the reaction chamber at the pressure to deposit the material on the substrate.

2. The cold cathode forming process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pressure (P) of the ambient gas and the distance (D) between the substrate and the target material are controlled according to the relation  $PD^n = \text{constant}$  (n is approximately 2 to 3).

3. The cold cathode forming process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ambient gas is an inert gas.

4. The cold cathode forming process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pressure of the ambient gas is in the range from 0.1 to 10 Torr.

5. The cold cathode forming process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the material that constitutes the target contains at least two compositions.

6. The cold cathode forming process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the material that constitutes the target material

is any one compound of  $\text{LaB}_6$ ,  $\text{TiC}$ ,  $\text{SiC}$ , and  $\text{SnC}$ .

7. The cold cathode forming process as claimed in claim 5, wherein the material that constitutes the target material is any typical nitride of  $\text{TiN}$ ,  $\text{BN}$ ,  $\text{SrN}$ ,  $\text{ZrN}$ , and  $\text{HfN}$ .

8. The cold cathode forming process as claimed in claim 5, wherein the material that constitutes the target material is any one transparent conducting material of  $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{SnO}_2$ ,  $\text{ITO}$ ,  $\text{ZnO}$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{WO}_3$ , and  $\text{CuAlO}_2$ .

9. An electron emission element comprising a cold cathode having a crystalline thin film consisting of an electron emissive material formed by means of a cold cathode forming process comprising a step for providing a target material and a substrate in a reaction chamber, a step for controlling the pressure (P) of an ambient gas introduced into the reaction chamber and the distance (D) between the substrate and the target material so that the size of a high temperature high pressure area formed near the target material by irradiating a beam light onto the target material is optimal, and a step for exciting and ejecting the material contained in the target material by irradiating the beam light onto the target material with introducing the ambient gas into the reaction chamber at the pressure to deposit the material on the substrate.

10. An electron emission element having an electron emission part formed on a substrate with interposition of an interference layer consisting of a conductive film or resistive film comprising a crystalline thin film of an electron emissive material formed by means of a cold cathode forming process comprising a step for providing a target material and a

substrate in a reaction chamber, a step for controlling the pressure (P) of an ambient gas introduced into the reaction chamber and the distance (D) between the substrate and the target material so that the size of a high temperature high pressure area formed near the target material by irradiating a beam light onto the target material is optimal, and a step for exciting and ejecting the material contained in the target material by irradiating the beam light onto the target material with introducing the ambient gas into the reaction chamber at the pressure to deposit the material on the substrate.

11. The electron emission element as claimed in claim 9, wherein the crystalline thin film that constitutes the cold cathode is any one compound of  $\text{LaB}_6$ ,  $\text{TiC}$ ,  $\text{SiC}$ , and  $\text{SnC}$ .

12. The electron emission element as claimed in claim 10, wherein the crystalline thin film that constitutes the cold cathode is any one compound of  $\text{LaB}_6$ ,  $\text{TiC}$ ,  $\text{SiC}$ , and  $\text{SnC}$ .

13. The electron emission element as claimed in claim 9, wherein the crystalline thin film that constitutes the cold cathode is any typical nitride of  $\text{TiN}$ ,  $\text{BN}$ ,  $\text{SrN}$ ,  $\text{ZrN}$ , and  $\text{HfN}$ .

14. The electron emission element as claimed in claim 10, wherein the crystalline thin film that constitutes the cold cathode is any typical nitride of  $\text{TiN}$ ,  $\text{BN}$ ,  $\text{SrN}$ ,  $\text{ZrN}$ , and  $\text{HfN}$ .

15. A CRT provided with an electron emission element as the electron source having a cold cathode formed of a crystalline thin film of electron emissive material formed by means of a cold cathode forming process comprising a step for providing a target material and a substrate in a reaction

chamber, a step for controlling the pressure (P) of an ambient gas introduced into the reaction chamber and the distance (D) between the substrate and the target material so that the size of a high temperature high pressure area formed near the target material by irradiating a beam light onto the target material is optimal, and a step for exciting and ejecting the material contained in the target material by irradiating the beam light onto the target material with introducing the ambient gas into the reaction chamber at the pressure to deposit the material on the substrate.

16. A CRT provided with an electron emission element as the electron source comprising an electron emission element having an electron emission part formed on a substrate with interposition of an interference layer consisting of a conductive film or resistive film comprising a crystalline thin film of an electron emissive material formed by means of a cold cathode forming process comprising a step for providing a target material and a substrate in a reaction chamber, a step for controlling the pressure (P) of an ambient gas introduced into the reaction chamber and the distance (D) between the substrate and the target material so that the size of a high temperature high pressure area formed near the target material by irradiating a beam light onto the target material is optimal, and a step for exciting and ejecting the material contained in the target material by irradiating the beam light onto the target material with introducing the ambient gas into the reaction chamber at the pressure to deposit the material on the substrate.

17. A flat display provided with an electron emission element as the electron source comprising an electron emission element comprising a cold cathode having a crystalline thin film consisting of an electron emissive material formed by means of a cold cathode forming process comprising a step for providing a target material and a substrate in a reaction chamber, a step for controlling the pressure (P) of an ambient gas introduced into the reaction chamber and the distance (D) between the substrate and the target material so that the size of a high temperature high pressure area formed near the target material by irradiating a beam light onto the target material is optimal, and a step for exciting and ejecting the material contained in the target material by irradiating the beam light onto the target material with introducing the ambient gas into the reaction chamber at the pressure to deposit the material on the substrate.

18. A flat display provided with an electron emission element as the electron source comprising an electron emission element having an electron emission part formed on a substrate with interposition of an interference layer consisting of a conductive film or resistive film comprising a crystalline thin film of an electron emissive material formed by means of a cold cathode forming process comprising a step for providing a target material and a substrate in a reaction chamber, a step for controlling the pressure (P) of an ambient gas introduced into the reaction chamber and the distance (D) between the substrate and the target material so that the size of a high temperature high pressure area formed near the target

material by irradiating a beam light onto the target material is optimal, and a step for exciting and ejecting the material contained in the target material by irradiating the beam light onto the target material with introducing the ambient gas into the reaction chamber at the pressure to deposit the material on the substrate.

19. An electron emission element provided with a transparent substrate and a cold cathode having a crystalline thin film consisting of an electron emissive material formed by means of a cold cathode forming process comprising a step for providing a target material and a substrate in a reaction chamber, a step for controlling the pressure (P) of an ambient gas introduced into the reaction chamber and the distance (D) between the substrate and the target material so that the size of a high temperature high pressure area formed near the target material by irradiating a beam light onto the target material is optimal, and a step for exciting and ejecting the material contained in the target material by irradiating the beam light onto the target material with introducing the ambient gas into the reaction chamber at the pressure to deposit the material on the substrate.

20. An electron emission element provided with a transparent substrate and a crystalline thin film of an electron emissive material formed by means of a cold cathode forming process comprising a step for providing a target material and a substrate in a reaction chamber, a step for controlling the pressure (P) of an ambient gas introduced into the reaction chamber and the distance (D) between the substrate and the

target material so that the size of a high temperature high pressure area formed near the target material by irradiating a beam light onto the target material is optimal, and a step for exciting and ejecting the material contained in the target material by irradiating the beam light onto the target material with introducing the ambient gas into the reaction chamber at the pressure to deposit the material on the substrate, wherein the electron emission element is formed on the substrate with interposition of an interference layer consisting of conductive film or resistive film.

21. The electron emission element as claimed in claim 19, wherein the crystalline thin film that constitutes the cold cathode consists of transparent conducting material selected from a group including  $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{SnO}_2$ , ITO,  $\text{ZnO}$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{WO}_3$ , and  $\text{CuAlO}_2$ .

22. The electron emission element as claimed in claim 20, wherein the crystalline thin film that constitutes the cold cathode consists of transparent conducting material selected from a group including  $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{SnO}_2$ , ITO,  $\text{ZnO}$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{WO}_3$ , and  $\text{CuAlO}_2$ .

23. A transparent type flat display having an electron emission element as the electron source provided with a transparent substrate and a cold cathode having a crystalline thin film consisting of an electron emissive material formed by means of a cold cathode forming process comprising a step for providing a target material and a substrate in a reaction chamber, a step for controlling the pressure (P) of an ambient gas introduced into the reaction chamber and the distance (D)

between the substrate and the target material so that the size of a high temperature high pressure area formed near the target material by irradiating a beam light onto the target material is optimal, and a step for exciting and ejecting the material contained in the target material by irradiating the beam light onto the target material with introducing the ambient gas into the reaction chamber at the pressure to deposit the material on the substrate.

24. A transparent type flat display having an electron emission element as the electron source provided with a transparent substrate and a crystalline thin film of an electron emissive material formed by means of a cold cathode forming process comprising a step for providing a target material and a substrate in a reaction chamber, a step for controlling the pressure (P) of an ambient gas introduced into the reaction chamber and the distance (D) between the substrate and the target material so that the size of a high temperature high pressure area formed near the target material by irradiating a beam light onto the target material is optimal, and a step for exciting and ejecting the material contained in the target material by irradiating the beam light onto the target material with introducing the ambient gas into the reaction chamber at the pressure to deposit the material on the substrate, wherein the electron emission element is formed on the substrate with interposition of an interference layer consisting of conductive film or resistive film.